

PULPIT SOCIALIST ON JOHN D.

OIL MAN A GENIUS AND A
MYSTIC, SAYS MR. IRVINE.No Reason to Clamor at Him Because He
Won the Game We All Play—Clamor
at the Game—Rockefeller Notion of a
Benevolent Trust on Top Won't Do.

The Rev. Alexander Irvine has been in the pulpit with him last night at the Church of the Ascension a copy of John D. Rockefeller's book, "Random Reminiscences of Men and Events." Now he read the chapter headings, now he quoted from the book, now he offered comments of his own, while a very large congregation manifested symptoms of interest.

Mr. Irvine discussed Mr. Rockefeller from the standpoint of a Socialist. "Two books," he said, "have been published by two of the greatest men of the country, Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Carnegie. He was especially glad that Mr. Rockefeller had broken a silence of years to tell this country, to which he owed so much, something of the pathway he had wended to prosperity."

"There has been much controversy," said Mr. Irvine, "as to whether the book is a product of great simplicity or great duplicity. The balance of opinion seems to be that it is great simplicity, the art which conceals art. Reading the book it seems extraordinarily easy to have founded and constructed that great business of the Standard Oil Company. Perhaps Mr. Rockefeller omitted many things which can be found in Ida M. Tarbell's books—but it makes interesting reading. "Whenever democracy is bruised it is always clamorous for the head of the most prominent person it suspects. We clamored for Mr. Rockefeller's head for years. He had a rest not so long ago when we stopped to clamor for the head of the present District Attorney, and now we are slowing down on Mr. Rockefeller. We are not asking for his head as violently as we once did."

"Personally, I think that 100 years from now John D. Rockefeller will stand as the greatest business man we ever knew. He showed how waste may be eliminated. The scheme by which the tremendous business was upbuilt did not demand alone the elimination of small, independent concerns but insisted on the elimination of waste."

"A great deal of the criticism hurled at this man's head is pretty unwise. The fact is that as business is now conducted he has played the game just as squarely as most other men and women of his time. He is making the man who won an outcast socially. We made the rules by which the game is played, by which he won. The game is the thing."

Mr. Irvine approved highly of Mr. Rockefeller's suggestion that civilization meant progress in getting means of subsistence, progress in learning, the arts, education, sanitation, the sciences, and so on. He said that the definition could be furnished by the investment committee of the Standard Oil Company. Nor did he care for Mr. Rockefeller's "benevolent trust" notion.

"Why should any one go to the Standard Oil Company for a definition of civilization?" said Mr. Irvine. "That's what the churches and the schools are for. For Mr. Rockefeller's attempt to form feudal lords like himself who have money to give to schools and colleges and churches to do a 'benevolent trust' it is not to be thought of. We do not like the idea of doing out money and we do not like charitable trusts. The good must come from the bottom, not from the top. The good must have a larger view of the 'benevolent trust.' He expects that of the conflict will come a better man, the net result of all of our thinking will be a larger view of the 'benevolent trust.' It will form their own 'benevolent trust.'"

Mr. Irvine was sorry that Mr. Rockefeller had expressed his distrust of the United States Government, but he believed we ought not grow downhearted for all that. Surely the Revolution wasn't for nothing, said Mr. Irvine, and it was our duty to stick by the Government until something better was evolved.

He wondered why Mr. Rockefeller wrote the book and he said that a mystic whose point of view we could seldom comprehend.

OPERA CONTEST CONDITIONS.

Compositions for the \$10,000 Prize to
Be Received Up to Sept. 15.

The Metropolitan Opera Company has announced that the date for the reception of operas offered for the prize competition will close on September 15 and after that period no new works will be received. This is the work that is to receive the \$10,000 award and to win the prize must be of the species of opera called grand, and its production, with an allowance of ten minutes for every intermission included, must not last longer than three and one-quarter hours.

The following specifications are made as to the property in the work:

The opera receiving the prize will be staged and produced by the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York city at its own expense during the season following the making of the award. The opera company shall be entitled for itself and its theatrical rights to the exclusive performance of the opera in the United States of America, Dominion of Canada, Cuba and Mexico for a period of five years after the first performance without payment of royalties or any compensation whatever. The company shall have the right to extend the said exclusive performance rights from year to year for a further period of five years from the expiration of said first period upon giving written notice of its exercise of said option on or prior to the 15th day of September next following the expiration of the said first period. The company shall have the right to extend the said exclusive performance rights from year to year for a further period of five years from the expiration of said first period upon giving written notice of its exercise of said option on or prior to the 15th day of September next following the expiration of the said first period.

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DR. WORCESTER BETTER.

Physician Says Emmanuel Movement
Leader Has Done Much to Aid Recovery.

Boston, May 2.—The Rev. Dr. Elwood N. Worcester, rector of Emmanuel Church and originator of that mental suggestion form of healing known as the "Emmanuel Movement," is reported to be rapidly recovering his health; in fact, it is said he is practically well.

Several weeks ago it was reported that Dr. Worcester's health had broken down in consequence of his pastoral labors and there was exultation among the sceptics, who expressed themselves as surprised that a man who taught others how to heal should lose his own health.

To-day it was learned that the clergyman's illness was due to his attempt to lift a heavy trunk last November, causing a dislocation of one of the small bones at the base of the spine. The physician who has had charge of the case said the injury was exceedingly painful, there being a pressure on the spinal cord. So well did Dr. Worcester conceal his trouble that none of the physicians who are among his friends noticed there was anything wrong until early in Lent. They supposed it was merely a case of overwork. Then they consulted with the rector, and obtaining the facts, urged him to take a rest. He refused to leave his work until after Easter, when a small operation was performed, and since then Dr. Worcester has been recovering rapidly.

"He takes his medicine regularly, does exactly as we tell him, but above all he is putting his own beliefs to the supreme test. And he is winning out," said the physician.

"Do you consider that Dr. Worcester has helped to cure himself?" was asked. "As a medical man and the physician in charge during the last few weeks I do say that, and unreservedly," said the physician.

"Do you contend that Dr. Worcester is cured?" "Practically, yes. He is almost himself. His nerves are quite normal, his temperature and pulse are in splendid shape. In a few days I am going to send him out into the country for a rest, and when he comes back in the fall he will be his old self."

GAVE UP TO A FAKE SLEUTH.

Young German, Dazzled by a Tin Shield,
Compounds a Fake Felony.

Gustav Popenberg, who said he was following the sea for a living and was staying at 88 East Third street, was arrested by a Tin Shield yesterday on a charge of representing himself as a Central Office detective and getting a gold watch case from Arthur Helms.

The top of a tin cylinder for holding a shaving stick was shown to the Court as the shield worn by Popenberg. He deceived Helms, who came from Germany recently and is not well posted on police badges.

Helms picked up on the street a week ago what he thought was a gold watch with a gold chain, but later examination showed that there were no works inside. He lives at 544½ East Twelfth street, and runs the elevator in the apartment house at 145 Second avenue. He made inquiries for the owner of the watch and on Saturday night Popenberg called on him.

"I came along with me. You are my prisoner," Helms said Popenberg ordered, and added: "I come from the Central Office and you have a watch that doesn't belong to you."

Helms had turned the watchcase over to his brother Edward, who lives with him. He started with Popenberg for the Central Office, but later Helms said he says the detective said to him: "I hate to see a young fellow like you going to prison for five years. The watch belongs to a Fifth avenue baroness. Turn it over to me and I'll let you go."

Helms says he consented, and took the man to his room and gave him the watch. His brother, however, was not so confident and had Popenberg arrested. Helms had the watch in his pocket and the tin shield on his coat when a genuine policeman arrested him.

He was held in \$500 bail for trial.

MAGISTRATE REBUKES POLICE.

Says They Caused the Disorder Which
They Charged Against Two Prisoners.

Magistrate Breen in the night court last night rebuked Lieut. Carroll of the Church street station for arresting two men at 205 Greenwich street. Carroll assisted by Malone and Closs, plain clothes men of the Church street station, arrested James White of 338 West Twelfth street and Alexander Copeland of 205 Greenwich street on charges of disorderly conduct. John Thompson, who lives with Copeland, was brought along as a witness. All three men had ugly scarp wounds.

Lieut. Carroll told the Magistrate that he saw a disturbance in front of 205 Greenwich street and after calling in Malone and Closs arrested White and Copeland. White, Copeland and Thompson testified that they had been wantonly attacked by the policemen. Copeland swore that he saw Closs blackjack White. Closs admitted he carried a black jack and said he did not use it on this occasion. Magistrate Breen discharged the prisoners, and turning to Lieut. Carroll said:

"Why, it was these men, but you, the police, caused the disorderly conduct. The Magistrate advised the men to take the matter up with the Police Commissioner."

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Passengers by the American liner Philadelphia, from Southampton and Cherbourg: James Edmund Dunning, American Consul at Milan, Frank B. Keene, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Truendale and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Meigs.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS.

"Elizabeth Visits America," Eleanor
Glyn's new book, will be published in
May, ready for summer reading. It re-
counts Elizabeth's experiences in Amer-
ica, based on doubt on the author's
own visit here last year, and gives her
impressions of people and things in her
usual sprightly and vivacious manner.

Miss Alice Macgowan and her sister, Mrs. Grace Macgowan Cooke, will spend the summer in camp in Yosemite Park. Mrs. Cooke's two daughters will be with them and they have a Japanese boy as cook. Miss Macgowan's new novel, "The Wiving of Lance Cleaverage," now appearing serially, will be published early in the autumn in a book.

Frederick S. Dellenbaugh, the author of "The Romance of the Colorado River" and "The Canyon Voyage," has just been appointed secretary of the American Geographical Society. A new and revised edition of "The Romance of the Colorado River" is to be brought out soon.

George L. Walton's new book, "Practical Guide to Wild Flowers and Fruits," promises to establish complete identification of many wild flowers and fruits common to this country without requiring previous knowledge of botanical analysis. The work is literally a "labor of love" and the fruit of the author's hobby. Dr. Walton is best known as the author of "Why Worry?" which has gone through seven editions.

"The Sociology of the Bible," by the Rev. Prof. F. S. Schenck, is to be published immediately under the auspices of the Reformed Church in America. It is the first book on the subject ever issued so far as is known, but it is claimed that the Bible contains more sociology than theology.

A romantic novel by Philip Gibbs is nearly ready for publication. It will be called "The King's Favorite" and will tell the love story of Robert Carr, Earl of Somerset, and Lady Essex. The historic facts upon which the story is based are drawn from the State papers of the time.

Oliver C. Cabot has just ready for publication a new detective story entitled "The Man Without a Shadow," the scenes of which are laid in New York and in France. Mr. Cabot is now writing his first Christian name out in full. The reason for this is that it was sworn to him that O. C. Cabot, the signature under his novels, has been formerly written, when he was backward formed the word to-bacco, so he now signs himself Oliver C. Cabot.

The three important characters in "Partner's Three," by Victor Mapes, were suggested to the author by real personalities. Dr. Joyce, the genial inventor and whimsical philosopher, is a composite picture of the author's friends, Prof. James Mapes, LL.D., and Oliver Spencer Hailed, one of Lincoln's most intimate friends. Prof. Mapes adopted two Irish boys who afterward attained distinction and from this fact Victor Mapes obtained the idea of "Pie, Antoinette, the French heroine, was suggested by a beautiful girl whom Mr. Mapes met in Paris as the daughter of his landlady and who afterward became known as a member of a distinguished family and married a Count of one of the great dual families of France.

"Lady Macbeth, being Certain Precious Phases in the Careers of a Naughty Nonpareil: a Farce in Filigree" is the fantastic title of a novel by Gelett Burgess, which will be published next season. The author declares it to be his "most burlesque" attempt at fiction, having been written for his own private amusement and without thought of publication. The book is largely satirical, dealing with life in London, San Francisco, Boston and New York.

Miss Elizabeth Godfrey's "A Sister of Prince Rupert," just published, will be of special interest to those who believe in the advancement of women. The book is a biography of Elizabeth, daughter of the unlucky Frederick V., Elector Palatine, who married the granddaughter of Mary Stuart. Abbess of the Protestant Abbey of Herford, in Westphalia, she was one of the most forceful and intellectual women of the seventeenth century—a fit precursor of the active and executive women of the present day. She was the friend of Descartes, the foremost thinker of the age, and the shelter and protector of the "ladies" who gave to the much despised Quakers the strength of her character and her scorn for popular opinion when she believed she was in the right.

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NEWS OF PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Hackett in Vaudeville—New Theatre
Subscription Extended.James K. Hackett will make his vaude-
ville debut in the New Plaza, at Fifty-
ninth street and Madison avenue, on
Monday, May 17, commencing the fol-
lowing week his tour of the principal
William Morris theatres in other cities
as far west as Chicago. He will utilize
a playlet dramatized from an incident
in Victor Hugo's "Les Misérables" en-
titled "The Bishop's Candlesticks."Messrs. Winthrop Ames, Leo Shubert
and John Corbin, the directors of the
New Theatre, announce that the time
limit for receiving seat subscriptions
from the public for the first season, be-
ginning on November 1, has been ex-
tended from May 15 to May 30. Since
the announcement of the plans the demand
has been so great that the extension is
necessary to give all patrons a fair op-
portunity. Subscriptions will be re-
ceived for the twelve dramatic or ten
operatic productions or for both in com-
bination. The highest prices will be
\$2 for the dramatic performances and \$5
for the operatic.The Shuberts announce that they are
soon to produce a new musical comedy
entitled "The Motor Girl." The music
of the piece is by Julian Edwards and
the book by Skinner and Campbell. The
production will be made immediately
and the piece will be offered in New York
before the conclusion of the summer
season.The Friars will give their annual festi-
val at the New Theatre on Friday
afternoon, May 14. At an auction sale
of seats last night \$2,700 was raised. The
regular seat sale begins Monday, May 10.

President Taft Goes Horseback Riding.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—President Taft
did not attend church to-day, but remained
in the White House during the morning.
After the afternoon he went out for a horse-
back ride in Rock Creek Park, accompa-
nied by Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, chief
of the bureau of insular affairs of the War
Department.

Judge Bethes's Condition Better.

CHICAGO, May 2.—Judge Solomon H.
Bethes of the United States District
Court is at St. Luke's Hospital. Five
weeks ago he returned from Fane Chris-
tian, where he had spent several months.
To-day Judge Bethes's condition was
said to be much improved.

\$100,000 TO A TRENTON SCHOOL.

Ex-Secretary of State Kelsey's Gift a
Memorial to His Wife.TRENTON, N. J., May 2.—Ex-Secretary
of State Henry C. Kelsey announced to-
day that he has arranged to donate \$100,000
to the School of Industrial Arts of Trenton.
The money will be expended in the
erection and equipment of a suitable
building.The institution will be a memorial to
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week, comes of a family which has been
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nineteenth century, his great grandfather
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